

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

As a customer of DIRECTV, I am writing to urge you NOT to support the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. I do not believe the merger will increase video and broadband choices for consumers.

The combined company will be in a position to set prices and monopolize a market. They will not be a viable competitor to cable operators. They will not be able to offer me any channels via satellite in my market area, which I currently do not receive.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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